

VILLAGE OF ALMONT
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BLIGHT ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 119

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight; to define and prohibit blight; to provide penalties for violation hereof; and to repeal prior ordinances.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I

Section 1.01. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Village of Almont Blight Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

Blight Defined

Section 2.01. It is hereby determined that the following uses of land and activities constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary, and undesirable neighborhoods. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, leased, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (1) The storage of any junk automobile, except in a completely enclosed building or a screened fence. The term "junk automobile" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed for use upon the highways or any motor vehicle which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of fifteen (15) days.
- (2) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers as well as any other similar refuse which may attract rodents or other vermin.
- (3) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, wood or metal remnants, or any other cast-off material which is not completely screened from view from streets or residences.

ARTICLE III

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section 3.01. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or by imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days.

Section 3.02. If a property owner fails to eliminate blight after notification to eliminate such blight, and the Village Council deems such blight to be an imminent threat to the public health and safety, the Village may enter the property and eliminate the blight. The cost of such blight elimination by the Village shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

ARTICLE IV

SEVERABILITY

Section 4.01. This Ordinance and the various articles, sections, sentences, and provisions thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, section, sentence, or provision is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE V

REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE

Section 5.01. The Village of Almont Ordinance No. 57, being an ordinance to regulate the outdoor storage of dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles, is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE VI

ENACTMENT

Section 6.01. This Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Almont at a meeting duly held on the 20 day of November 1979.

Section 6.02. This Ordinance published in the Tri-City Times on the 21 day of November, 1979.

Section 6.03. This Ordinance shall take effect upon said date of publication.

Charles T. Orr
Charles T. Orr, President

Betty J. Doster
Betty J. Doster, Clerk